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**REQUEST TO CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF EARLIER CLAIM FOR DOMESTIC
PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 120 / 365(C)
AND
CONTINGENT RULE 78(A)(3) PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY
DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests confirmation that the claim for domestic priority under 35 USC 120 and 365(c) made at the time of filing of the present application on form PTO/SB/05 (as-filed copy attached) was accepted and that the corresponding data (i.e., that this application is a continuation of application no. PCT/JP02/06815, filed on July 4, 2002) will appear under the "RELATED U.S. APPLICATION DATA" heading on the front page of the resulting patent that will issue from the presently allowed application.

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If such confirmation is denied, applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3) to claim the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120 and 365(c) of prior-filed international application PCT JP02/06815, filed on July 4, 2002, for the above-identified application if the above request for confirmation of the earlier claim for priority is denied.

In particular, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) and (a)(3)(i) and 35 USC 120, and as noted above, applicant timely provided reference to the prior-filed international application as evidenced by the attached copy of the form PTO/SB/05 that was filed concurrently with the present application on December 9, 2003. In addition, a 2-page application data sheet with appropriate priority information is attached.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3)(ii), authorization is hereby provided if necessary to debit Deposit Account 50-1147 for the required petition fee of \$1370.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(t). Any additional necessary fees may also be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3)(iii), and for the reasons set forth above, the undersigned states that the entire delay between the priority claim due date as defined under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)(ii) and the present claim for priority was unintentional.

Applicant respectfully and urgently requests confirmation that the claim for domestic priority made at the time of filing of the present application has been accepted. Alternatively, applicant requests approval of the above petition if the aforementioned earlier claim for priority is not accepted.

Respectfully submitted,



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